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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF BANCROFT'S RELIABILITY

REF: A) BANGKOK 4732; B) HONG KONG 8706 NOTAL, AUG. 2, 1974

1. WILLIAM H. BANCROFT, JR. IS WELL KNOWN TO CONGENOFFS AS AN UNRELIABLE AND ERRATIC BUSINESS SOURCE WHO HAS FLOATED NUMBER OF ALLEGED "BIG TIME" SCHEMES HERE, AND APPARENTLY TRIES TO CAPITALIZE ON "CRISIS OPPORTUNITIES." AS REPORTED IN REF B, HE CLAIMED INVOLVEMENT IN SEVERAL BIG DEALS THAT DID NOT TURN OUT. THE LATEST WAS IN CONNECTION WITH FOREIGN ENERGY RESOURCE INVESTMENT GUARANTEES WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY ARRANGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH.

2. WITH REGARD TO BANCROFT'S ACCOUNT ABOUT PRESIDENT THIEU WE HAVE NO INFORMATION HERE WHICH WOULD IN ANY WAY SUBSTANTIATE SUCH ALLEGATION AND WE ALSO REGARD IT AS HIGHLY IMPLAUSIBLE.
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